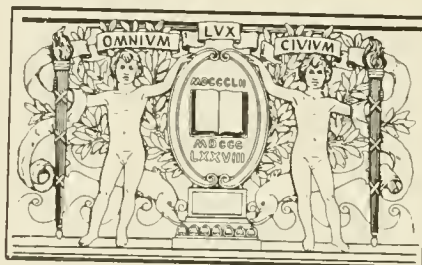


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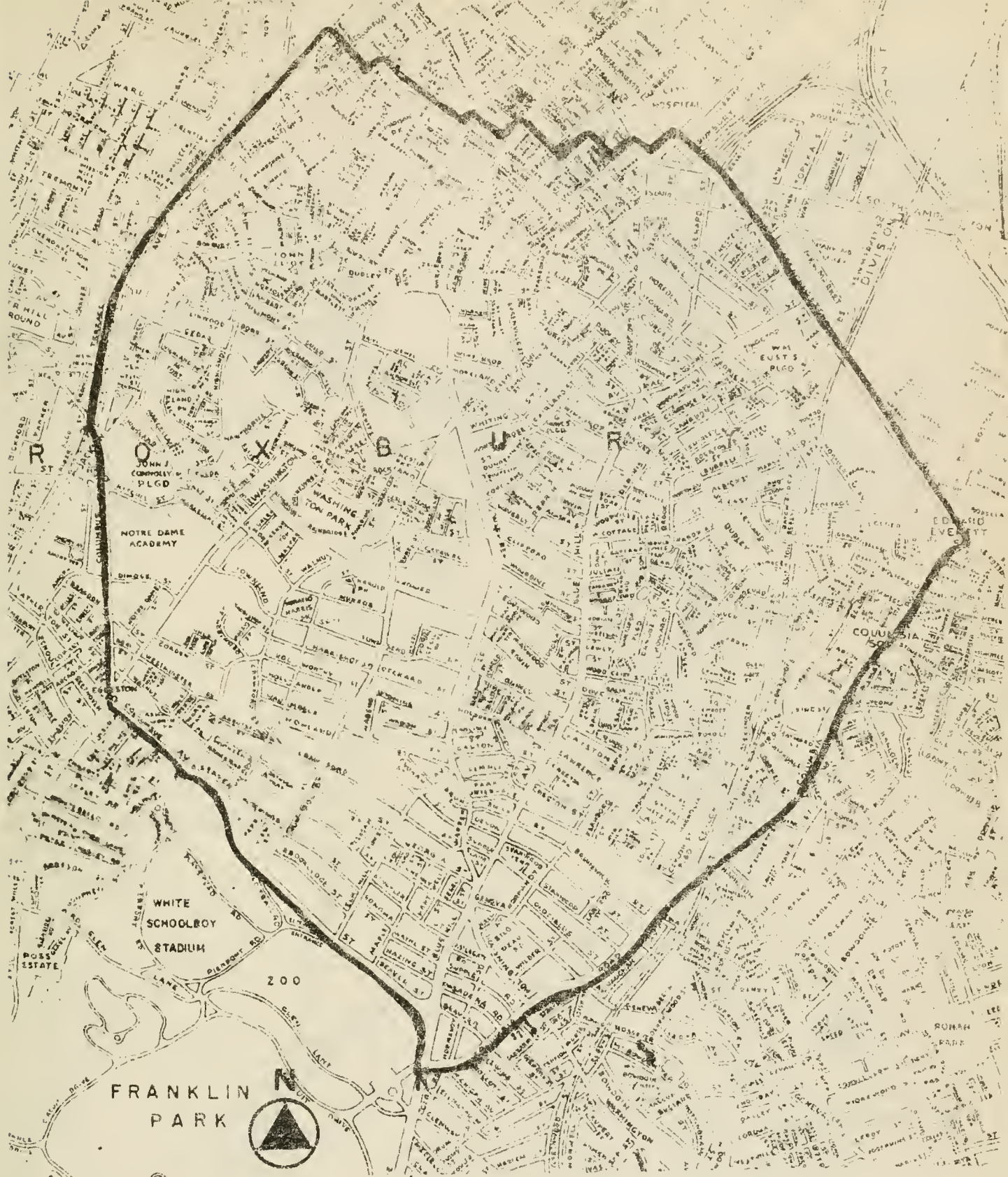
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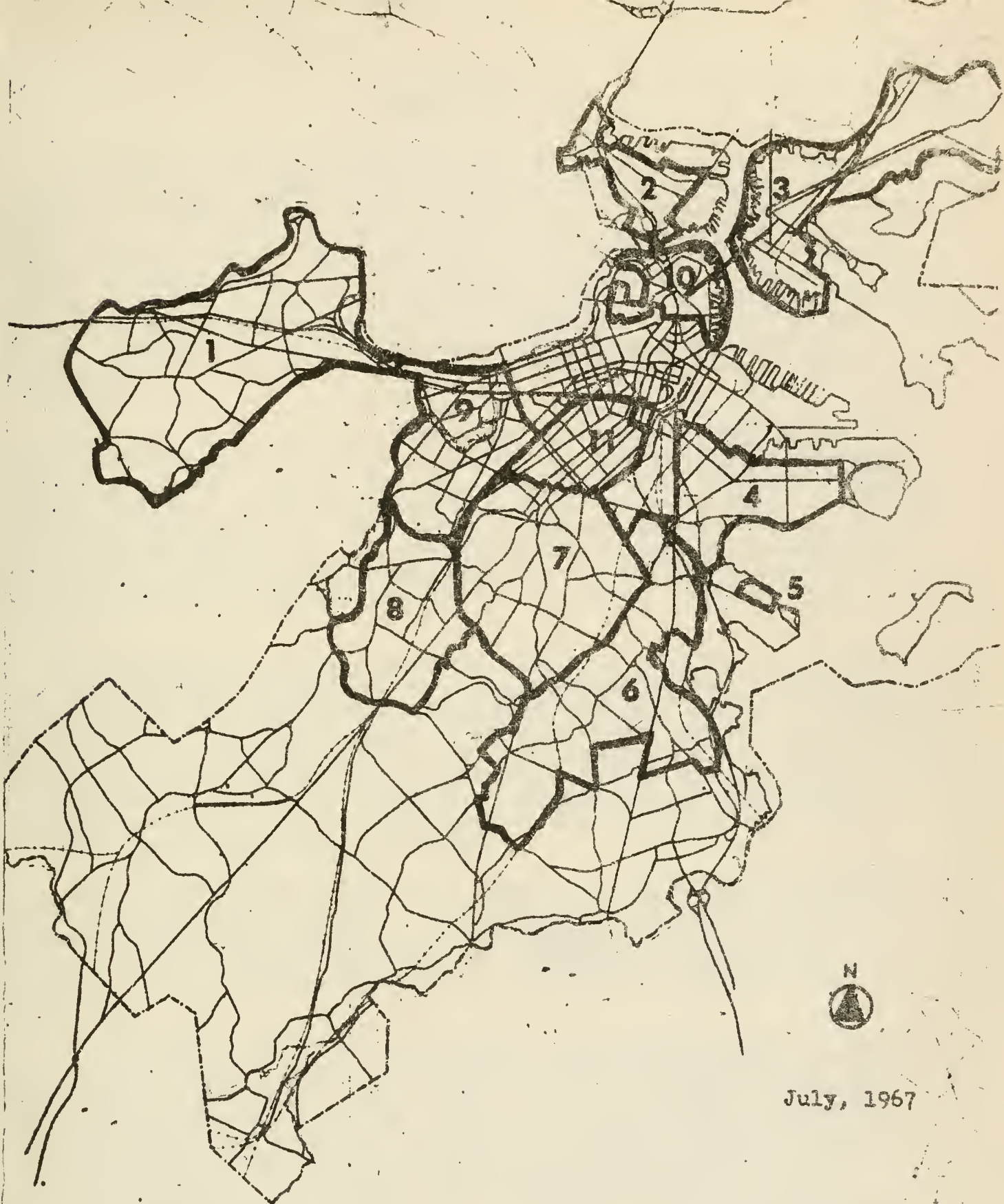
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**ABCD  
TARGET  
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|------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 Allston-<br>Brighton | 5 Columbia<br>Point           | 8 Jamaica Plain          |
| 2 Charlestown          | 6 Dorchester                  | 9 Parker Hill-<br>Fensay |
| 3 East Boston          | 7 Roxbury-North<br>Dorchester | 10 North End             |
| 4 South Boston         |                               | 11 South End             |



## INTRODUCTION

Among the most important units in Boston's War on Poverty are the city's low-income neighborhoods, all of which share certain common problems but each of which has a unique set of characteristics distinguishing it from the rest of the city. Just as the various neighborhoods differ in their physical appearance, so do their populations differ, in age, in race, and in a whole range of characteristics. Common to people of all the low-income neighborhoods are such problems as unemployment, low educational attainment and poor health. The relative importance of these problems varies, however, among the neighborhoods and reflects the different characteristics of their residents.

Not only do Boston's neighborhoods differ from one another in their social aspects but also in the amount and quality of resources which are now being used to meet the needs of their residents. While some neighborhoods receive relatively satisfactory services in certain problem areas, the services in these areas are clearly inadequate in other neighborhoods. In all the neighborhoods certain significant gaps between needs and resources are apparent and the coordination of various efforts to resolve the problems of the poor is weak and sporadic.

An essential step in developing effective strategies for lessening the incidence of poverty, on a neighborhood as well as on a city-wide basis is collecting and analyzing information on the conditions contributing to and resulting from poverty and on the scope of current efforts to better these conditions. By examining needs and evaluating the impact of current services, it is possible to make rational recommendations for the re-allocation of existing resources and to justify requests for additional funds to ensure that services be provided with maximum effectiveness.

This neighborhood analysis is intended to provide such data on needs and resources in a form which makes it readily understood for general information purposes. It is designed so that it may be revised as necessary on the basis of suggestions from those who use it and so that it may be updated and refined as new data becomes available.

The analysis, which is divided into eight major sections, begins with a discussion of the characteristics of the population of the neighborhood, including total numbers, income, age, sex and racial composition. The needs of the neighborhood's population are then outlined under such headings as health, education, employment and economic development. On the basis of preferences expressed by representatives of the neighborhood community, these needs are ranked in order of importance as are the groups to which the community feels programs should be addressed. Services in the neighborhood,





both those provided through ABCD and by other agencies, are catalogued in categories roughly corresponding to the need categories, and those programs funded by OEO are briefly evaluated. Finally, the overall system of efforts to meet problems in the neighborhood is examined and recommendations for changes are presented.

The information included in this analysis is presented as much as possible in the form of hard statistics, identified by source and date. Where the information involved subjective judgments the person or group expressing the opinion is also identified. In cases in which special circumstances were present or where discrepancies of fact or opinion existed, explanatory comments are included.

The neighborhood analysis is meant to be used by a number of persons or groups for those purposes for which they feel it may be most helpful. First, it is a basic document for neighborhood social planning, both on a comprehensive and on an individual project basis. Second, it will provide central ABCD staff with information essential to the design and funding of plans and programs which affect the neighborhood as a part of the broader city system. Third, it may help to provide a common language for discussion and cooperation between ABCD and Neighborhood Area Planning Action Councils (APACs) on the one hand, and outside agencies on the other.

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I. GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS OF THE POPULATION:

A. Total Population

1. Number of Persons Living in Area: 70,200  
(1964 ABCD Poverty Indices projection from 1960 U.S. Censes)
- The last U.S. Census count figure for Roxbury-North Dorchester was 82,247 in 1960\*. Projections have assumed a decline in population since that date.

2. Number of Families: 16,874  
(1964 ABCD Poverty Indices projection from 1960 U.S. Census)
- The 1960 Census tallied 19,770 families in Roxbury-North Dorchester.

3. Number of Families in Public Housing: 1,044 Occupied Units  
(BHA figure for March, 1966)
- There are public housing projects in the Roxbury-North Dorchester target area housing a total population of 3,670 persons. The projects, by type, number of units, and population are:

<u>PROJECT</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>No. OF UNITS</u>	<u>POPULATION</u>
Orchard Park	Families	760	2,779
Whittier Street	Families	198	774
Elm Hill Avenue	Elderly	86	117

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\*U.S. Census Figures from ABCD Poverty Indices

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4. Number of Unrelated Individuals:

(Population in Roxbury-North Dorchester has been declining drastically. In 1950, a total of 107,899 persons lived in the area. From 1950 to 1960, this population decreased by 23.7%. In the future, continued population loss appears likely as a result of the vast (502 acres) urban renewal project in Roxbury's Washington Park Area. A total population of 25,922, or 6,467 families, were estimated to live in the renewal area in 1962. In 1964, ABCD, in its proposal for a Roxbury-North Dorchester Community Action Program noted, "At this time urban renewal is the most significant thrust for change in Roxbury-North Dorchester."  
(In May, 1967, according to the Boston Globe, 1,053 units were either completed or in construction in the Urban Renewal Area.)

8,094--THIS FIGURE INCLUDES PERSONS IN INSTITUTIONS

(Source: 1960 U.S. Census)

B. Income1. Median Family Income:

Median family incomes vary widely in Roxbury-North Dorchester, although in no Census Tract did family income in 1960 exceed the median for the City of Boston. The following are median family incomes for individual census tracts in Roxbury-North Dorchester in 1960:

\$4,857 (1960 ABCD Poverty Indices figure apparently derived as weighted average of U.S. Census Tract figures.)

CENSUS TRACT	MEDIAN FAMILY INCOMES
P2 -	\$ 5,753.
P3 -	5,504.
P4 -	4,827.
P5 -	5,239.
P6 -	5,793.
Q1 -	4,073.
Q2 -	3,459.
Q3 -	3,793.
Q4 -	5,299.
Q5 -	4,835.

(Continued)



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<u>CENSUS</u> <u>TRACT</u>		<u>MEDIAN</u> <u>FAMILY</u> <u>INCOMES</u>
R1	-	\$ 3,178.
R2	-	3,648.
R3	-	2,750.
S2	-	4,000.
S3	-	4,895.
T6	-	4,239.
T7A	-	5,328.
T7B	-	5,413.
U1	-	5,047.
U2	-	4,542.
U3	-	4,533.
U4	-	5,253.
U5	-	4,927.
U6A	-	5,150.
U6B	-	5,518.
V1	-	5,021.

2. Number of Families with Incomes  
Under \$3,000.

4,421 (1964 ABCD Pov-  
erty Indices Figure)

Percent of Total Population:

26.2% (1964 ABCD Pov-  
erty Indices Figure)

(1960 Census counted 5,180 families  
(in Roxbury-North Dorchester with  
(incomes under \$3,000.



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C. Age Composition

AND

D. Sex Composition (Combined)

AGE AND SEX COMPOSITION*						
	MALE	% OF TOTAL POPULATION	FEMALE	% OF TOTAL POPULATION	TOTAL BY AGE	% OF TOTAL BY AGE
Pre-School (0-5 Years)	5,904	7.3	5,924	7.3	11,828	14.6
School-Age (6-15 Years)	7,087	8.7	7,176	8.9	14,263	17.6
Youths** (16-20 Years)	2,406	3.0	2,869	3.5	5,275	6.5
Adults (21-64 Years)	18,887	23.3	22,154	27.3	41,041	50.6
Elderly (65 & Over)	<u>3,656</u>	<u>4.5</u>	<u>5,022</u>	<u>6.2</u>	<u>8,678</u>	<u>10.7</u>
TOTAL	37,940	46.8	43,145	53.2	81,085	100.0

\*The figures in this chart were calculated from 1960 Census, using the appended Table of Census Tracts--showing proportions--(Appendix I). Other 1960 figures in this report were taken from the ABCD Poverty Indices, calculated using an unknown combination of Census Tracts.

\*\*No breakdown for In-School or Out-of-School Youths available



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Roxbury-North Dorchester

E. Racial Composition

1. Number of Whites: 40,807 (1960 U.S.Census)

Percent of Total Population: 49.6 (1960)

(The number of whites in Roxbury-North Dorchester has declined significantly in recent years. In 1950, 89,068 whites lived in Roxbury-North Dorchester. From 1950 to 1960, their numbers declined by 54.2%.

(Among the white community, considerable ethnic heterogeneity persists in Roxbury-North Dorchester. The 1960 Census lists a total of 11,087 foreign-born persons living in the area, or 27.2% of all whites. In order of importance, the national groups present in Roxbury-North Dorchester are Canadian, Russian, Irish, and Italian.

2. Number of Negroes: 41,439 (1960 U.S.Census)

Percent of Total Population: 50.4% (1960)

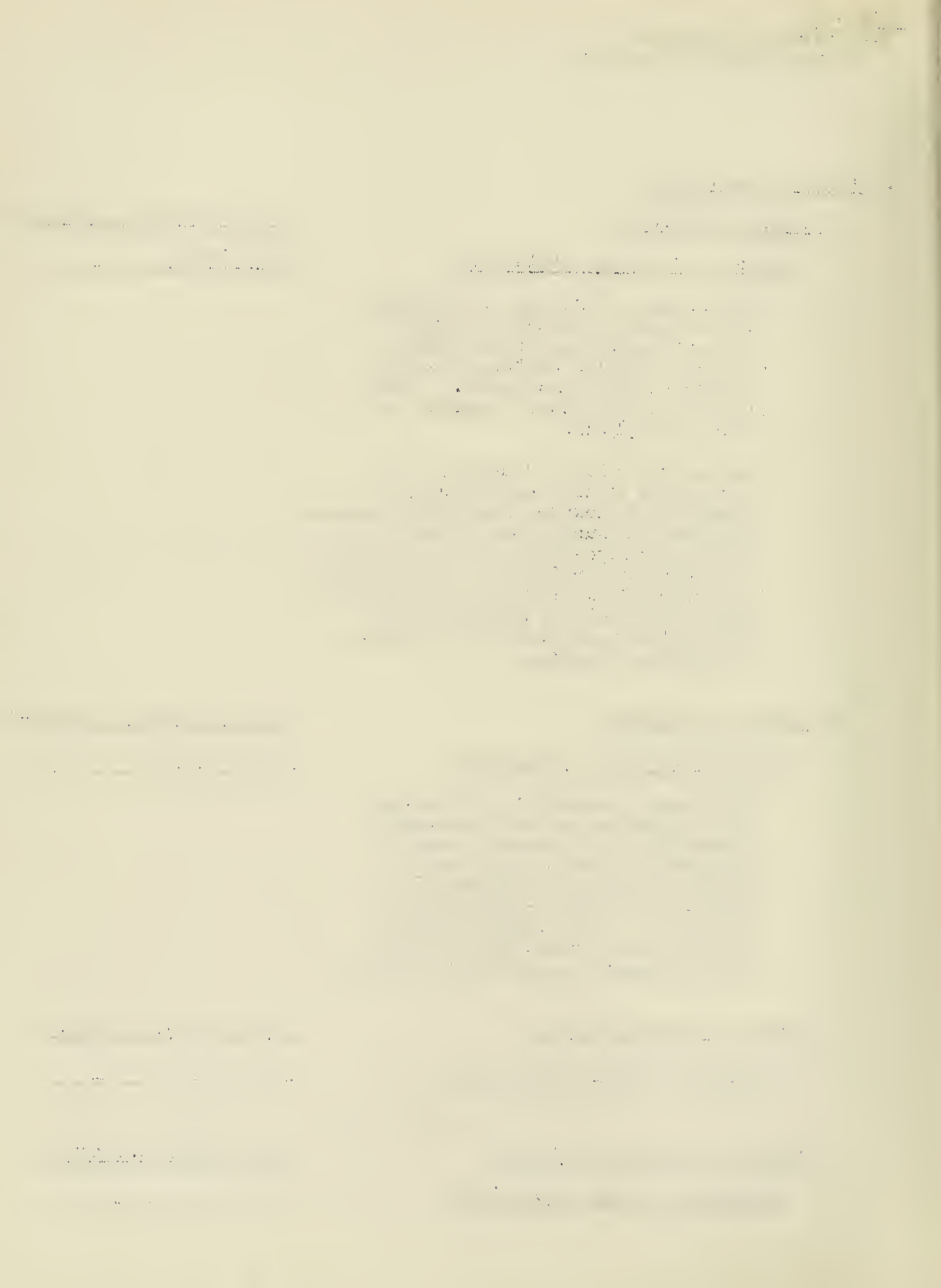
(The Negro population of Roxbury-North Dorchester has increased dramatically in recent years, apparently from a high rate of natural increase combined with significant net in-migration. In 1950, 11,117 Negroes lived in the area. From 1950 to 1960, their numbers increased by 128.7%.

3. Number of Puerto Ricans: 280 (1960 U.S.Census)

Percent of Total Population: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Number of Other Non-Whites: 538 (1960 U.S.Census)

Percent of Total Population: \_\_\_\_\_





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## II. NEEDS OF THE POPULATION:

### A. Community Organization

Area Coordinator states: "The Roxbury-North Dorchester GNRP is a complex community comprised of a number of neighborhoods. Within the total community exists a maze of agencies, group organizations, etc., which are all participating in some measure of action, usually at the neighborhood level; for example, the Highland Park Council, the Orchard Park Tenants Association, and the Sub-Area Committees. There is an apparent need for coordination of resources on the non-professional level (this is extremely important as the agencies have access to resources that are vital to this community's existence). In the immediate past, there has been an extremely time-consuming, expensive, and minimally productive duplication of effort.

"An attempt to alleviate some of these problems could be initiated by a well-planned community organization effort of neighborhood people and professionals, who begin to tie in some of these functioning groups, agencies, etc., into each other, in order that they can function effectively on a community basis as well as at the neighborhood level."

There has been no consistent and thorough division of Roxbury-North Dorchester into sub-neighborhoods. The following schemes have been used by ABCD and various other Boston agencies:

UCS DISTINGUISHES 10 "Health and Welfare Neighborhoods" included wholly or partially in Roxbury-North Dorchester, 7 in Roxbury and 3 in North Dorchester (ABCD, in its 1964 proposal, used these neighborhoods as a basis for analysis).

The Roxbury neighborhoods are:

1. Dudley Street East
2. Dudley Street South
3. Egleston Square
4. Grove Hall West
5. Lower Roxbury
6. Mission Hill and
7. Warren Street

The North Dorchester Neighborhoods are:

8. Franklin Park
9. Grove Hall East
10. Uphams Corner



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The BRA DISTINGUISHES 5 NEIGHBORHOODS:

1. Lower Roxbury
2. Uphams Corner
3. Washington Park
4. Highland Park
5. North Dorchester

ABCD, in the work of Robert Perlman, in the past DIFFERENTIATED  
5 SUB-NEIGHBORHOODS in Roxbury-North Dorchester:

CENSUS TRACTS:

- |                     |                             |
|---------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. North Roxbury    | Q1, Q2, Q4; R1, R2, R5      |
| 2. Highland Park    | S3; U3; V1                  |
| 3. Washington Park  | U2, U4, U5, U6A, U6B        |
| 4. West Blue Hill   | Q3; U1                      |
| 5. North Dorchester | P3, P4, P5, P6; Q5; T6, T7A |

(SEE: Appendix I, Page 58, of this  
Neighborhood Profile for Cen-  
sus Tracts currently included  
in the Roxbury-North Dorchester  
target area)

B. Child Development

1. Number of Pre-School Children in  
Low-Income Families:

8,000\*

\*Area Coordinator estimates there are 8,000 pre-school children in low-income Roxbury-North Dorchester families. This estimate would appear to be rather high, as in 1960 there were a total of 12,221 pre-school children living in the area and only 26.2% of families had incomes under \$3,000.



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C. Education

School-Age Children:

1. Number of School-Age Children Needing Supplemental Education:

83% (Estimate by Area Coordinator)

2. Number of Children Below City-wide Grade Achievement Levels:

50%--Approximately\*

\*Area Coordinator estimates that "approximately 50% of the total school-age population--or 7,132 persons--is one year below grade norms. Approximately 14%--or 1,997 persons--is two or more years below grade norms."

3. Current Dropout Rates:

329\*\*

\*\*A total of 329 Roxbury-North Dorchester residents dropped out of public school in 1962-1963 (ABCD Poverty Indices figure).

Adults:

1. Number of Adults Needing Supplemental Education:

25,000\*\*\*

\*\*\*Area Coordinator estimates that 25,000 adults fall into this category

2. Number of Adults Over 25 Years of Age who Have Not Completed High School:

30,492, Approximately;

or 37.6% of the total Neighborhood Population (1960 Census, using appended Census Tract List)

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3. Number of Functional Illiterates: 11,159, Approximately;  
or 13.8% of the total  
Neighborhood Popu-  
lation (1960 Census  
using Appended  
Census Tract List)

(Defined by a Mass. Adult  
(Literacy and Basic Educa-  
(tion Act of '63, a "Func-  
(tional Illiterate" is an  
(adult over 18 years of age  
(who had less than an 8th  
(grade education. The U.S.  
(Census publishes educational  
(achievement only for adults  
(over 25 years of age.

4. Number of Persons with Language  
Difficulties:

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D. Employment\*

Employed Persons:

1. Number of employed in low-paying  
Occupation (Unskilled blue-collar  
workers): 15,510;  
or 49.4% of total em-  
ployed persons

1A. Number of Males, 14 Years and  
Older, Employed: 18,213

1B. Number of Females, 14 Years and  
Older, Employed: 13,177







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Roxbury-North DorchesterUnemployed Persons:

1. Number of Unemployed Males, 14 Years and Older: 1,407  
Percent of Male Labor Force: 7.2%
2. Number of Unemployed Females, 14 Years and Older: 795  
Percent of Female Labor Force: 5.7%

E. Economic Development

(Area Coordinator gives the following statistics as basis for need of economic development:)

1. Number of families with children: 11,059 (1964 Poverty Indices Estimate)
2. Number of families with incomes under \$3,000. and with children under 18 years of age: 2,897 (1964 Poverty Indices Estimate)
3. Number of families on AFDC: 2,930 (1964 Poverty Indices Estimate)

F. HealthChildren:

1. Rate of Infant Mortality per 1,000 in 1962: 34.1 (1964 Poverty Indices)



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2. Number of Children with Specific Health Deficiencies:

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Adults AND Elderly:

1. Tuberculosis Rates (1962):

(Figures from 1964  
Poverty Indices)

Pulmonary:

70 Cases; 24.1% of Bos-  
ton Total  
10 Deaths; 19.2% of  
Boston Total

Other Forms:

10 Cases; 58.8% of  
Boston Total  
2 Deaths; 66.2% of  
Boston Total

2. Incidence of Alcoholism:

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3. Drug Addiction:

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G. Social Services

Juveniles:

1. Rate of Delinquency:

a) Male Court Appearances,  
Ages 7-17, Mean, 1959-1961:

447.3/Year

b) Rate Per Thousand:

59.7

Families:

1. Number of Chronic Welfare Recip-  
ients receiving AFDC, OAO, HAA,  
DA, GR, August, 1964:

6,375 (1964 Poverty  
Indices)

2. Number of One-Parent Households:

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III. LISTING AND RANKING OF TARGET GROUPS AND NEEDS:

(Area Coordinator ranked Target Groups--categories (in terms of age--in two fashions: First, according to the number of persons in the age group; and (Second, according to the severity of needs of persons within the age group.

A. Target Groups:

1. Ranking of Target Groups according to Number in Groups:

- a) Adults, 22-64 Years
- b) School-age Children, 6-15 Years
- c) Pre-school Children, 0-5 Years
- d) Elderly, 65 Years and Over
- e) Youths, 16-21 Years

2. Ranking of Target Groups by Severity of Needs of Persons in Group:

- a) Pre-school Children Need Day Care
- b) Adults Need Education, Training, Family Services, Health Services, Community Facilities, Employment
- c) School-age Children need Tutoring, Recreation, Counseling, Cultural Enrichment, Health
- d) Elderly need Senior Citizen Programs, Housing, Health Services, Social Services, Home Care
- e) Youth need Teen-age Programs, Youth Workers, Cultural Enrichment, Tutorial Career Training, Health Services, Recreation Programs

B. Needs: (Area Coordinator ranked needs in two fashions: (First, according to the number of persons with (the particular need; and Second, according to (the severity of the various needs.

1. Ranking According to Number of Persons with Need:

- a) Family Services:
  - 1) Social
  - 2) Legal



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b) Community Education:

- 1) Basic Home Improvement
- 2) Legal Education
- 3) Health Education
- 4) Adult Literacy
- 5) Training - New Careers
- 6) Adult Tutoring (Volunteer Based)

c) Health Programs:

- 1) Facilities
- 2) Services (Preventive and Treatment)

d) Education (School-aged Children):

- 1) Tutorial
- 2) Cultural Enrichment
- 3) Supplementary Education and Testing

e) Community Organization and Outreach:

f) Senior Citizens Programs:

g) Teen-age Programs:

- 1) Recreational
- 2) Counseling and Testing
- 3) Supplementary Education
- 4) Youth Workers
- 5) Facilities

h) Economic Development:

- 1) Consumer Education
- 2) Consumer Action
- 3) Consumer Cooperatives
- 4) Credit Unions
- 5) Buying Clubs

i) Day Care:

j) Community Facilities:

k) Home Guidance and/or Management:





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2. Ranking According to Severity of Need:

- a) Community Facilities:
- b) Family Service:
- c) Community Education:(Particularly for Adults)
- d) Health Programs:
- e) Community Organization and Outreach:
- f) Senior Citizens Programs:
- g) Day Care:
- h) Economic Development:
- i) Education (School-age Children):
- j) Legal Services (Civil and Criminal):
- k) Teenage Programs:
- l) Home Guidance and/or Management:



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IV. INVENTORY OF OEO-FUNDED, ABCD-SPONSORED PROGRAMS:

(The following is a list of programs existing in March, 1967. Since that time, the Roxbury-North Dorchester program structure has been radically changed. The OEO proposal from the Roxbury-North Dorchester APAC for the funding period April 1 to December 31, 1967, describes the new structure as having under the APAC two Multi-Purpose Centers, one Neighborhood Service Center, and three Neighborhood Program Centers. These are designed to handle city-wide programs, financed by OEO "ear-marked" funds, such as Manpower and Head Start, and some limited neighborhood program activities, such as tutoring and home guidance, formerly carried on by the Neighborhood Action Centers under the auspices of agencies such as St. Marks Social Center and the BRA.

A. COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION1. Roxbury-North Dorchester APAC:Brief Description:

An Area Planning Action Council designed to continue opportunities for low-income area residents and to enhance communication with public and private institutions and agencies serving the needs of the community's residents.

Sponsoring Agency:

Roxbury-North  
Dorchester APAC,  
Inc.

Funding Agency:

OEO

Total Current Funding:

\$35,398. (Grant:  
June 1, 1966 to  
March 31, 1967)

Number of Persons Served:Number of Persons Eligible:

All residents of  
The Target Area



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2. Roxbury Federation of Neighborhood Centers-NAC:

Brief Description:

Serves three areas in Roxbury:

- 1) Highland Park
- 2) Orchard Park, and
- 3) Whittier Street

Includes four program components:

- 1) Administration
- 2) Home Management
- 3) Adult Education, and
- 4) Day Care

Of these four components, administration appears to be most closely related to community organization.

Sponsoring Agency:

Roxbury Federation of  
Neighborhood Cen-  
ters, Inc.

Funding Agency:

OEO, UCS

Total Current Funding:

\$108,700.(UCS Total  
allotment for  
year 1967)  
\$ 14,531.(OEO Grant  
June 1,1966,to  
March 31,1967,  
for Administra-  
tion component  
only. See "Or-  
chard Park Day  
Care Center" and  
"Home Management-  
Adult Education"  
for other OEO com-  
ponents.)

Number of Persons Served:

700 (Cumulative March,  
1967

Number of Persons Eligible:

Residents of Local  
Area -(Registration  
on Family Basis)





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3. St. Mark's Social Center-NAC:

Brief Description:

Includes three program components:

- 1) Pre-school Center
- 2) Tutorial for 7 to 17-year olds
- 3) After-school enrichment in form of discussions, lectures, field trips and workshops for children 6 to 12 years old

The Community Organization aspect of the NAC provides outreach services which are intrinsic to the components to involve parents and resident groups with the agency.

Sponsoring Agency:

St. Mark's Social Center, Inc.

Funding Agency:

OEO

Total Current Funding:

\$119,114. (Grant: June 1, 1966, to March 31, 1967, includes all components)

Number of Persons Served:

950 (Cumulative, including Day Care and Tutorial, March, 1967)

Number of Persons Eligible:

Serves residents of local area

4. Blue Hill Christian Center-NAC:

Brief Description:

This is the only one of the three Roxbury-North Dorchester NAC's to include a specific Community Or-



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ganization component. According to the Area Coordinator, this component is aimed at establishing block groups and including all segments of the family structure. In addition, the NAC runs a men's program ("Street Corner Program") which is geared toward skid row men who may be alcoholics and unemployed.

The Community Organization component includes six components:

- 1) Negro Heritage and Identity Program
- 2) Follow the Youth Home Program
- 3) Home Management
- 4) Skill Training
- 5) Consumer Education
- 6) Instruction in Tenants' Rights  
Group Meetings

Sponsoring Agency:

Blue Hill Christian  
Center, Inc.

Funding Agency:

OEO and  
Private Agencies

Total Current Funding:

\$36,518. (OEO--June 1,  
1966 to March 31,  
1967)  
\$40,813. (From Pri-  
vate Sources)

Number of Persons Served:

1,040 (Cumulative, in-  
cluding all pro-  
grams--March, 1967)

Number of Persons Eligible:

Residents of Local  
Area



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B. CHILD DEVELOPMENT

1. Orchard Park Day Care Center:

Brief Description:

Children in the Day Care Center are given pre-school preparation for public school, by dealing with deficiencies in areas of motor control, verbal skills, auditory and visual discrimination, self-image, socialization skills, and attention span. Social services are provided to their families, including intake, referral, supportive and intensive casework, follow-up, and coordination with parent groups.

Sponsoring Agency:

Roxbury Federation of  
Neighborhood Centers

Funding Agency:

OEO

Total Current Funding:

\$48,266. (Grant-June 1,  
1966, to March 31,  
1967)

Number of Persons Served:

4 Classes of 15 pre-  
school children and  
their families;  
120 children and their  
families cumulative  
since inception

Number of Persons Eligible:

2. St. Mark's Pre-School Program:

Brief Description:

This is a neighborhood action program which is aimed at helping pre-school children acquire



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fundamental educational and social skills, and provides ancillary services to meet child and family-related problems.

Sponsoring Agency:

St. Mark's Social Center-NAC

Funding Agency:

OEO

Total Current Funding:

\$77,269. (Grant-June 1, 1966 to March 31, 1967)

Number of Persons Served:

60 Children )  
51 Parents ) March, 1967

90 Children ) Cumulative  
73 Families )

46--Waiting List

Number of Persons Eligible:

3. Hilltop Nursery School-Child Service Center--NECDEC:

Brief Description:

This program, located in the Geneva-Quincy section (36 Blocks) of Roxbury-North Dorchester, provides pre-school children with nursery school classes and day care services, including a wide-scall program of parent involvement in educational activities. The program includes the training of a limited number of neighborhood mothers as Teacher Aides; and has a medical component under Head Start.





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Sponsoring Agency:

New England Community  
Development Corporation

Funding Agency:

OEO

Total Current Funding:

\$85,402. (Grant-June 1,  
1966 to March 31,  
1967)

Number of Persons Served:

40 - Nursery )  
60 - Day Care ) March, 1967

400-Persons Cumulative,  
December, 1966

Number of Persons Eligible:

\*1,800 Pre-school children  
and their families

(\*Figure estimated by Area)  
( Coordinator )

4. St. James Pre-Kindergarten Program:

Brief Description:

The program consists of 4 pre-kindergarten classes, each comprised of 15 children, ages 2½ to 4½ years old. Each class is staffed by a professional teacher and two indigenous teacher aides. For the parents, there are home visits by the social worker and numerous group meetings between the social worker, teachers, and mothers of children in the program.

Sponsoring Agency:

Children's Mission to  
Children, Inc.

Funding Agency:

OEO



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Total Current Funding: \$28,397. (Grant-October 13,  
1966, to March 31,  
1967)

Number of Persons Served: 61 - In Class)  
50 - Families)  
90 - Cumulative) March, 1967  
70 - Families )

Number of Persons Eligible: \_\_\_\_\_

5. Montessori Family Center\*

Brief Description:

Summer Head Start Program designed to insure that the impoverished child is provided the services necessary to narrow the gap between him and his more advantaged peer. Provides a comprehensive program of parental involvement, nutritional, medical, dental, psychological and social services.

Sponsoring Agency:

Montessori Family Center,  
Inc.

Funding Agency:

OEO

Total Current Funding:

\$9,282.50 (Head Start  
Grant from OEO July 5,  
1966, to August 26, 1966)

Number of Persons Served:

5 Classes of 12 Children

Number of Persons Eligible:

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\*ABCD (OEO) Money for Head Start Classes Only



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C. EDUCATION

1. St. Mark's Tutorial-Enrichment Program:

Brief Description:

Tutorial: Elementary and secondary school children are provided with special assistance to improve fundamental skills with emphasis on basic reading and comprehension of content.

After-School Day Care Enrichment:

In-Center activities include programs for cultural enrichment.

In both programs meaningful participation of parents is encouraged.

Sponsoring Agency:

St. Mark's Social Center-NAC

Funding Agency:

OEO

Total Current Funding:

\$41,845. (Grant-June 1, 1966, to March 31, 1967)

Number of Persons Served:

96 - Enrichment)  
66 - Tutorial } Dec., 1966

Number of Persons Eligible:

2. Roxbury Tutorial Program:

Brief Description:

This is a large-scale tutorial program for school children aged 6 to 18 years. There are ten Centers for the program, each staffed by a part-time Tutorial Director and a part-time Secretary.





The objectives of this program are to improve reading and comprehension; to provide opportunities for an enriched understanding of school subjects; to encourage parental interest and participation; and to encourage an interchange of information between the private voluntary programs and the public schools.

The ten Centers are:

1. Blue Hill Christian Center
2. Roxbury YMCA
3. Boys' Club of Boston (Roxbury Branch)
4. Cooper Community Center
5. Elliot Congregational Church
6. Norfolk House
7. Operation Exodus
8. St. Ann's Episcopal Church
9. St. James Educational Center
10. St. John's Episcopal Church

Sponsoring Agency:

Roxbury Community Council, Inc.

Funding Agency:

OEO

Total Current Funding:

\$65,748. (Grant: July 1, 1966, to March 31, 1967)

Number of Persons Served:

360 Since Inception, December, 1966;

98% Negro; 60% Female

Number of Persons Eligible:

13,470 Student Population of the 12 Schools in the Area. (This figure estimated by Area Coordinator)



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3. Summer Outdoor Theater Training Program:

Brief Description:

Ten weeks of daily classes in dance, music, drama, costume, lighting, art, to prepare for late summer nightly performances in a community-established outdoor theater in Franklin Park. One day is set aside per week for cultural field trips.

Sponsoring Agency:

Elma Lewis School of  
Fine Arts

Funding Agency:

OEO and Donations

Total Current Funding:

\$19,020. (OEO Grant--  
June 20,1966,to Sep-  
tember 30,1966)

Number of Persons Served:

200 Children

Number of Persons Eligible:

4. Tufts Student Seminar:

Brief Description:

This is a demonstration effort to bring together high school seniors of average achievement from the Roxbury and Dorchester areas of Boston and from the suburb of Newton in an interracial and cross-cultural context to explore urban problems.

Sponsoring Agency:

Tufts University



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Funding Agency:

OEO

Total Current Funding:

\$13,765. (OEO Grant:  
June 1, 1966, to March  
31, 1967)

Number of Persons Served:

70

Number of Persons Eligible:

(High School Seniors  
from Roxbury and Dor-  
chester)

5. Urban School:

Brief Description:

The summer evening session serves 120 high school age students in reading, math, and science classes held three nights a week for seven weeks. The predominately Negro student body is drawn mainly from the South End, Roxbury, and Dorchester. The Academic Year After-School Reading Tutoring and Enrichment Program serves 50 to 75 elementary school students.

Sponsoring Agency:

The Urban School (Com-  
monwealth School)

Funding Agency:

OEO

Total Current Funding:

\$18,261. (Grant-June 1,  
1966 to March 31, 1967)

Number of Persons Served:

200 Students - 150 of  
which are poor

Number of Persons Eligible:



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6. Harvard-Boston Summer Project:

Brief Description:

Supplemental education and enrichment for disadvantaged grade-school children. Teacher-training and guidance counseling for adults. Boys and girls aged 7 to 12 are selected from two public schools in Roxbury--one elementary and one junior high school.

Sponsoring Agency:

Harvard Graduate School  
of Education

Funding Agency:

OEO

Total Current Funding:

\$74,350. (OEO Grant-June  
16, 1965, to June 30, 1966)

Number of Persons Served:

330 Grade-school children

Number of Persons Eligible:

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7. Agassiz Village Summer Camp:

Brief Description:

Summer program conducted to strengthen reading, speaking, and writing skills through the institution of formal remedial reading classes offered in conjunction with the regular camp activities. Boys 9 to 13 years old are selected from Roxbury-North Dorchester, the South End, and Charlestown.

Sponsoring Agency:

YMCA

Funding Agency:

OEO (Remedial Reading  
Program Only)

Total Current Funding:

\$24,480 (OEO Grant-July 1,  
1966, to August 31, 1966)

Number of Persons Served:

223 - Summer of 1966

Number of Persons Eligible:

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D. EMPLOYMENT1. Roxbury Neighborhood Employment CenterBrief Description:

The center provides for recruitment, intake, vocational testing and counseling, job referral, job development, and follow-up for job and training applicants. The staff includes employees from the Division of Employment Security (guidance and testing) and a teletyper for open positions from Manpower.

Sponsoring Agency:ABCDFunding Agency:0Total Current Funding:Not available by individual employment centerNumber of Persons Served1,524-March, 1967,  
cumulativeNumber of Persons Eligible:Resident population 16  
years and older2. Summer Work Experience Program:Brief Description:

This 8-week summer work program provided 14 and 15 year olds with cultural enrichment and employment in non-profit agencies. Youth were given a physical exam under Youth Health Services, and were employed for a 30-hour week. 25 hours per week were allotted to work experience and 5 hours per week were culture or education oriented. Forty of the youths were employed in the Good House-keeping Project, developed and administered by the BRA, to do general neighborhood maintenance



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such as clearing lots, and to  
develop tot lots.

<u>Sponsoring Agency:</u>	<u>ABCD, (Roxbury only) BRA</u>
<u>Funding Agency:</u>	<u>OEO</u>
<u>Total Current Funding:</u>	<u>Citywide: \$319,752 (OEO</u> <u>grant-June 1, 1966, to</u> <u>March 31, 1967)</u> <u>Roxbury: \$57,600 wages</u> <u>for 240 youths and</u> <u>\$975 bus allotment for</u> <u>field trips.</u> <u>Subcontract to Bra:</u> <u>\$15,918</u>
<u>Number of Persons Served:</u>	<u>240 (Roxbury)</u>
<u>Number of Persons Eligible:</u>	<u>Youths living in public</u> <u>housing; AFDC youths;</u> <u>youths from low-income</u> <u>families.</u>

3. Roxbury Work-Study Program:

Brief Description:

A summer program in which 45 college and 15 high school students work mornings doing neighborhood physical rehabilitation and afternoons as tutors or playground recreation leaders. The students are housed and boarded free at Northeastern University, and they are paid a small salary.

<u>Sponsoring Agency:</u>	<u>BRA</u>
<u>Funding Agency:</u>	<u>OEO</u>
<u>Total Current Funding:</u>	<u>\$30,350 (OEO grant-June 1,</u> <u>1966, to March 31, 1967)</u>



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Number of Persons Served: 60 participants serve the  
Roxbury community

Number of Persons Eligible: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Opportunities Industrialization Center, Inc.:

Brief Description:

The center opened in late 1965. It was organized in cooperation with business and industry to recruit, motivate, train and/or retrain people who want to help themselves through acquiring specific job skills. Instructors are professionals, both community and non-community residents, who volunteer their time and special skills to help others help themselves. Staff and administration is about 90% Negro.

Sponsoring Agency: OIC, Inc.

Total Current Funding: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Persons Served: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Persons Eligible: Residents 21 or over, un-  
employed, under employed,  
untrained or mistrained:  
about 23,000 in Roxbury-  
North Dorchester, South  
End

E. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

None of these programs are directly funded through ABCD.



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F. HEALTH1. Men's Program:Brief Description:

It serves alcoholics and the unemployed. See Blue Hill Christian Center-NAC under Community Organization. Program was not renewed after March, 1967.

2. Youth Health Services:Brief Description:

It is a city-wide Manpower Health program to serve Neighborhood Youth Corps Program, Job Corps and other employment and training programs by providing health and medical services. There is a clinic at 20 Whittier Street.

Sponsoring Agency:Boston City HospitalFunding Agency:OEOTotal Current Funding:\$86,662 (OEO grant-June 1, 1966, to March 31, 1967)Number of Persons Served:400 cumulative, March, 1967Number of Persons Eligible:NYC and Job Corps enrollees aged 16-22, and Manpower adults3. Medical Care for Indigent Children and Infants:Brief Description:

This is a comprehensive program for indigent infants and children who have had no continuous





connection with a private physician.  
ABCD funds one Day Care Aide to di-  
rect the play activity of children  
attending the clinic.

<u>Sponsoring Agency:</u>	<u>Beth Israel Hospital</u>
<u>Funding Agency:</u>	<u>ABCD, Children's Bureau</u>
<u>Total Current Funding:</u>	<u>\$1,426 (OEO grant-June 1,</u> <u>1966, to March 31, 1967)</u> <u>\$67,313 (Children's</u> <u>Bureau)</u>
<u>Number of Persons Served:</u>	<u>968, January, 1967</u>
<u>Number of Persons Eligible:</u>	<u>Pre-school children en-</u> <u>rolled in OEO funded</u> <u>child development pro-</u> <u>grams in Roxbury-North</u> <u>Dorchester and their</u> <u>families</u>

## G. SOCIAL SERVICES

### 1. Roxbury Multi-Service Center:

#### Brief Description:

This program is designed to demonstrate effective ways of preventing and reducing human problems through organization and administration of a comprehensive and coordinated community multi-service program in which emphasis is placed upon improving techniques of delivering services geared to the total needs of the family or individual and in which more effective use of existing community resources is made. The Center houses the Roxbury Branch of the Boston Legal Aid Society.

<u>Sponsoring Agency:</u>	<u>Roxbury Multi-Service</u> <u>Center</u>
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<u>Funding Agency:</u>	<u>OEO, UCS</u>
<u>Total Current Funding:</u>	<u>\$50,000 (UCS allotment for the year 1967)</u> <u>\$215,310 (OEO grant-July 1, 1966, to June 30, 1967)</u>
<u>Number of Persons Served:</u>	<u>3,658, December 9, 1966</u>
<u>Number of Persons Eligible:</u>	<u>Total target area population</u>

2. Home Guidance-Washington Park:

Brief Description:

This program is geared to provide home guidance assistance to families in the Washington Park Urban Renewal Area. The home guidance program is directed toward families who reside in large apartment buildings and private and public rehabilitation housing developments, who need help with home management and family problems. The program provides supportive services to the BRA's rehabilitation program in Washington Park.

<u>Sponsoring Agency:</u>	<u>BRA site office</u>
<u>Funding Agency:</u>	<u>OEO</u>
<u>Total Current Funding:</u>	<u>\$46,249 (OEO grant-June 1, 1966, to March 31, 1967)</u>
<u>Number of Persons Served:</u>	<u>580 cumulative, March, 1967</u> <u>About 74% are female-headed households; 98% Negro; 69% on welfare</u>
<u>Number of Persons Eligible:</u>	<u>1,594</u>



3. Home Management and Adult Education-Roxbury:

Brief Description:

Adult education classes in home management to employ and train 40 AFDC mothers as homemakers: classes in budgeting, nutrition, home decoration, sewing, power stitching, consumer education.

Sponsoring Agency:

Roxbury Federation of  
Neighborhood Centers, Inc.

Funding Agency:

OEO

Total Current Funding:

\$40,728 (OEO grant-June 1,  
1966, to March 31, 1967)

Number of Persons Served:

Adult education: 628  
Home management: 564  
March, 1967

Number of Persons Eligible:

4. Roxbury Defender Project:

Brief Description:

Under a grant from ABCD to B. U. Law School, 30 senior law students, participating in an elective course in criminal trial procedure, are required in teams of two to represent defendants in misdemeanor cases in the Roxbury District Court under the courtroom supervision of an attorney, who has the right to intervene for the protection of the client at his discretion. The program has been in operation for two school years.

Sponsoring Agency:

Boston University and  
United Legal Services  
(ABCD)



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<u>Funding Agency:</u>	<u>ABCD, Boston University</u>
<u>Total Current Funding:</u>	<u>\$35,000-ABCD, December 1,</u> <u>1965 to November 30, 1966</u> <u>\$8,000-Boston University</u>
<u>Number of Persons Served:</u>	<u>Est. 650, March, 1967</u> <u>(Cumulative)</u>
<u>Number of Persons Eligible:</u>	<u></u>

5. Unified Legal Services:

Brief Description:

City-wide program operated by ABCD. The function is to oversee contracts let out to other agencies, such as Public Defenders, Boston University Law School. It runs only one project directly: A Bail Program. Civil legal counselling is done in four neighborhoods, including Roxbury.

<u>Sponsoring Agency:</u>	(Roxbury) Roxbury Multi- Service Center, (ABCD)
<u>Funding Agency:</u>	Ford, National Legal Aid and Defender Association, (Boston)
<u>Total Current Funding:</u>	\$750,000, subcontracted
<u>Number of Persons Served:</u>	
<u>Number of Persons Eligible:</u>	





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V. SUMMARY OF ABCD PROGRAMS BY FUNCTIONAL SYSTEMS:  
(This is a one-year finding adjusted to a nine  
month basis.)

A. COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION:

1. Number of Programs: 4
2. Funding: \$285,561-OEO and \$112,135-  
other sources  
Total: \$397,696
3. Number of Persons Served: 2,690, cumulative (3 pro-  
grams)

B. CHILD DEVELOPMENT:

1. Number of Programs: 5
2. Funding: \$248,616.50-OEO;  
Total: \$248,616.50
3. Number of Persons Served: 361 children enrolled  
March, 1967; 760 children  
cumulative

C. EDUCATION:

1. Number of Programs: 7
2. Funding: \$257,469-OEO (7 programs)  
Total: \$257,469
3. Number of Persons Served: 1,345 cumulative, December,  
1966. (6 programs)

D. EMPLOYMENT:

1. Number of Programs: 4



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2. Funding: \$107,843 (2 programs)
3. Number of Persons Served: 1,824 cumulative, March, 1967, (3 programs)

E. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:  
No ABCD programs

F. HEALTH:

1. Number of Programs: 3
2. Funding: \$88,088 from OEO (2 programs)
3. Number of Persons Served: 968 cumulative, January, 1967, (1 program)  
400 cumulative, March, 1967, (1 program)

G. SOCIAL SERVICES:

1. Number of Programs: 5
2. Funding: \$274,709-OEO and \$43,500-  
other sources. Total:  
\$318,209
3. Number of Persons Served: 6,080 cumulative, March, 1967, (4 programs)

SUMMARY TOTAL:

1. Number of Programs: 28



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2. Funding:

\$1,262,286.50-OEO and  
\$155,635-other known  
sources. Total:  
\$1,417,921.50 (26 pro-  
grams)

3. Number of Persons Served: 14,067 (25 programs)

VI. INVENTORY OF NON-ABCD PROGRAMS:\*A. COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION:1. Freedom House:Brief Description:

Freedom House, organized and staffed by local residents, has been operating for 18 years. It was set up as a self-help organization concerned with community conservation and improvement and with developing channels of communication between the white and Negro communities. Since 1960 Freedom House has had primary responsibility for citizen participation in the Washington Park urban renewal area. Freedom House serves as a referral and information center. It also has pilot programs in employment, such as aggressive job recruitment. Its two buildings provide meeting space for community groups and house METCO, Fair Housing, Inc.; a City Missionary Society worker; and a Division of Child Guardianship worker.

\*For programs or agencies not described see "Additional Non-ABCD Programs" at the end of this section.



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Sponsoring Agency:

Freedom House, Inc.

Funding Agency:

Combination of membership  
contributions, private  
trust funds, and a BRA  
contract

Total Current Funding:

\$69,583 (January 1, 1966,  
to December 31, 1966)

Number of Persons Served:

Number of Persons Eligible:

Not limited

2. Roxbury Community Council:

Brief Description:

The function of the council is to coordinate community efforts for improved community health and welfare services; to sponsor a tutorial program.

Sponsoring Agency:

Roxbury Community Council

Funding Agency:

UCS

Total Current Funding:

\$121,082 (operating budget  
of 1967)  
\$17,000 (UCS allotment  
for year of 1967)

Number of Persons Served:

Number of Persons Eligible:

Residents of Roxbury-  
North Dorchester

3. Fernboro Street Association:





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Brief Description:

This is a neighborhood improvement group of 30-40 adults who are residents of Fernboro Street. They have built and equipped a local playground and pressured successfully for other neighborhood improvements.

<u>Sponsoring Agency:</u>	<u>Fernboro Street Association</u>
<u>Funding Agency:</u>	_____
<u>Total Current Funding:</u>	_____
<u>Number of Persons Served:</u>	_____
<u>Number of Persons Eligible:</u>	_____

4. New England Grass Roots Organization (NEGRO):

Brief Description:

This is an information agency established for gathering and circulating news of interest to public and private groups which are engaged in activities which effect the Roxbury Community. Area residents are trained in communication techniques, such as public speaking, writing, etc.

<u>Sponsoring Agency:</u>	<u>NEGRO, Inc.</u>
<u>Funding Agency:</u>	_____
<u>Total Current Funding:</u>	_____
<u>Number of Persons Served:</u>	_____
<u>Number of Persons Eligible:</u>	_____



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B. CHILD DEVELOPMENT:

1. James Jackson Putnam Children's Center:

Brief Description:

The center is a child guidance clinic for young children with emotional problems. The professional service available includes not only psychiatry, psychology, and social work, but also a nursery school with specially trained teachers who coordinate group activities with the individual therapy for the children. Fees are based on family income and size.

Sponsoring Agency:

James Jackson Putnam Family  
Service Center

Funding Agency:

UCS

Total Current Funding:

\$231,798 (Operating budget  
1967) \$57,326(UCS allot-  
ment for year 1967)

Total Number Served:

Total Number Eligible:

Children up to age 6 who  
are emotionally disturbed  
The center does not accept  
retarded or organically  
or physically handicapped  
children unless they also  
suffer from emotional  
disturbance.

Source of Information:

UCS

2. Children's Service Association:

Brief Description:

This is a private, voluntary agency specializing in behavior and delinquency problems. It



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has programs for unmarried mothers, e.g., counselling, foster home care, legal services; adoption work, neighborhood clubs to help physically and emotionally handicapped children.

<u>Sponsoring Agency:</u>	<u>Boston Children's Service Association</u>
<u>Funding Agency:</u>	<u>United Fund, private donations</u>
<u>Total Current Funding:</u>	<u>City-wide: \$749,860 (operating budget, 1967) and \$142,024 (UCS allocation, 1967)</u>
<u>Number of Persons Served:</u>	<u></u>
<u>Number of Persons Eligible:</u>	<u>Maximum age is usually 17 years old, unless there are facilities to render services</u>

3. Sunnyside Day Nursery:Brief Description:

This is a day care center for children to 5 years old. Parents pay as they are able.

<u>Sponsoring Agency:</u>	<u>Associated Day Care Services</u>
<u>Funding Agency:</u>	<u>UCS</u>
<u>Total Current Funding:</u>	<u></u>
<u>Number of Persons Served:</u>	<u>60</u>
<u>Number of Persons Eligible:</u>	<u>Applicants are carefully screened for validity and priority of need</u>



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C. EDUCATION:1. Public Schools in Roxbury-North Dorchester Target Area:ELEMENTARY

<u>Date Built</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Grades</u>
(Unknown)	Academy Hill	**K-6
*1897	William Bacon	K-4
1906	Sarah J. Baker	K-6
*1900	W. L. P. Boardman	K-6
*1899	Phillips Brooks	K-4
*1870	Aaron Davis	K-4
1906, 1921	Dearborn	3-8
*1915	Quincy E. Dickerman	K-6
*1882	Dillaway	K-6
*1874	Dudley	3-6
1932	David A. Ellis	K-9)
1959	David A. Ellis Annex	
1924	Ralph Waldo Emerson	K-6
*1912	Benedict Fenwick	K-6
1910, 1918, 1923, 1929	William Lloyd Garrison	K-6
*1877	Asa Gray	K-3
1909	Nathan Hale	K-5
1906	Nathaniel Hawthorne	K-3
1922	Henry L. Higginson	4-6
*1868	Julia Ward Howe	K-6
*1905	Samuel W. Mason	K-6
*1895	Albert Palmer	K-3
*1892	Williams	K-2
*1911	John Winthrop	K-6

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\*Target Report recommendation that the school be abandoned. Ten of the fourteen total were recommended to have been abandoned by 1967.

See: A Report on the Schools of Boston, May, 1962.  
("The Sargent Report")- prepared by the Boston Redevelopment Authority and Harvard University with the cooperation of the Mayor, the School Committee, and the School Buildings Commission of the City of Boston.

\*\* "K" = Kindergarten





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JUNIOR

<u>Date Built</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Grades</u>
1937	Patrick T. Campbell	7-9
1912, 1926	Lewis	1, 3-4, 7-9
1937	James P. Timilty	7-9

HIGH

Boston Technical  
Jeremiah E. Burke  
Girls

VOCATIONAL

Boston Business School  
Boston Vocational Technical Institute

SPECIAL

1929                      Horace Mann

2. METCO:Brief Description:

METCO busses the urban children and youths to suburban schools who have volunteered to participate in the program. Each student has a host family in the suburban community where he attends school. The family is responsible for the student in case of emergency, to help with school related problems such as late transportation, to provide lunch where children go home at noon, and frequently provides social activities.



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Students, predominantly Negro, are from Roxbury, the South End, and Dorchester. Parents participate through Roxbury Community Committees.

<u>Sponsoring Agency:</u>	<u>The Metropolitan Council for Educational Oppor- tunity, Inc.</u>
<u>Funding Agency:</u>	<u>U. S. Office of Education, The Carnegie Corporation, Stern Family Fund</u>
<u>Total Current Funding:</u>	<u>Carnegie 2 year grant- \$126,000 (staff and administration), Stern Family Fund 1 year grant- \$3,000 (tuition and trans- portation to Lincoln Public Schools), and U. S. Office of Education Title III grant-\$29,500 and \$10,500 (tuition, transportation, evalu- ation)</u>
<u>Number of Persons Served:</u>	<u>220 students, 1966, grades K-11</u>
<u>Number of Persons Eligible:</u>	<u>Urban children and youth</u>

### 3. Operation Exodus:

#### Brief Description:

It busses Negro children to predominantly white city schools, using an open school policy. The members of Exodus also run a tutorial project; "Cultural Revivals"--bringing prominent people into the community to speak; a "Books for Roxbury Project"; and a Youth Committee which provides athletic activities for children.



Sponsoring Agency:

Funding Agency:

Total Current Funding:

Number of Persons Served:

Number of Persons Eligible:

Operation Exodus

Foundation grants and individual contributions. Received an emergency grant from ABCD via Ford Foundation in September, 1966, of \$2,000 for transportation expenses

900 children bussed daily, Spring, 1967

Residents of Roxbury

#### 4. The New School:

Brief Description:

A result of the efforts of over 100 parents, this private institution provides lower elementary education. The school's format was developed with the aid of Harvard Graduate School of Education and other local universities. After school programs in French, art, and music are provided for the neighborhood children who may or may not be enrolled in regular classes at the school.

Sponsoring Agency:

Funding Agency:

Total Current Funding:

Number of Persons Served:

The New School

Foundation grants, private contributions

\$80,000-100,000 budget for 1966-1967

72 students, 1 white (Spring, 1967)



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Number of Persons Eligible:

Not limited. Tuition is  
\$250 per year. Some  
scholarships are avail-  
able

E. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

F. HEALTH:

1. Department of Health, City of Boston:

District Unit: 82 Savin Street, Roxbury

Brief Description:

It provides immunization programs,  
a well-child clinic, and a  
communicable disease section.

2. Roxbury Court Clinic:

Massachusetts Department of Mental Health, Division of  
Legal Medicine

Brief Description:

It provides diagnostic assistance  
and treatment of certain selected  
offenders. It works closely with  
Youth Service Board and the offices  
of Parole and Probation.





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3. Whittier Street Clinic:

Drug Addiction and Treatment Unit

Youth Activities Commission

Dental Clinic

Visiting Nurses Association

Pediatric Clinic (well-babies)

G. SOCIAL SERVICES:

1. Washington Park Relocation Site Office, Boston Redevelopment Authority

Brief Description:

It has legal responsibility for relocation of all persons affected by the urban renewal program.

2. Washington Park Rehabilitation Office, Boston Redevelopment Authority

Brief Description:

It provides counsel and architectural advice and assists with obtaining financing for rehabilitation of homes in the urban renewal program areas.

3. Fair Housing, Inc.-Roxbury:

Brief Description:

This is a private, non-profit



<u>Sponsoring Agency:</u>	<u>Private, non profit</u>
<u>Funding Agency:</u>	<u>Individual contributions</u>
<u>Total Current Funding:</u>	<u>                                </u>
<u>Number of Persons Served:</u>	<u>Emergency program-174</u> <u>families. Integrated</u> <u>program-116 families.*</u>
<u>Number of Persons Eligible:</u>	<u>                                </u>

It is a social group work agency which sponsors recreational, educational and employment programs for boys and men. Physical education program includes swimming, gym, basketball; tutorial program funded by OEO; help make contacts for employment and scholarship.

\*The figures are for the South End and Roxbury and it is estimated that two-thirds of the above figures apply to Roxbury.



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Total Current Funding: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Persons Served: \_\_\_\_\_

1,000

Number of Persons Eligible: \_\_\_\_\_

Any boy over 6--approx-  
imately 5,000 in Rox-  
bury and North Dorchester

5. Welfare Department, City of Boston:

Case Loads, April, 1967

	<u>Grove Hall</u>	<u>Roxbury Crossing</u>
OAA	2,459	2,209
MA	1,071	1,387
AFDC	2,462	3,312
DA	679	632
GR	611	560

6. Roxbury YMCA:

Brief Description:

Located in the Washington Park  
Renewal Area, the building was  
completed in 1965. Sponsors a  
variety of leisure time activities,  
programs and services for individuals  
and families. There is a senior-  
citizens project.

Sponsoring Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

Boston YMCA



## VII. ADDITIONAL NON-ABCD PROGRAMS:

1. Civic Association of Roxbury, Inc.
2. Congress of Racial Equality
3. Boston Action Group
4. RADAR--Roxbury and Dorchester Area

1. Boston Children's School, Inc.
2. Camille's Nursery School
3. Dale Street Nursery
4. Mother Goose Kindergarten
5. Ruggles Street Nursery School
6. Savin Street Nursery School
7. Sunnyside Day Nursery
8. Tartts Nursery School
9. Walter Channing Nursery





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C. EDUCATION:

1. Berea Seventh Day Adventist School (Educational, tutorial, and recreational)
2. New England Hebrew Academy
3. Academy Hill-Compensatory Education
4. Public Schools
5. Roxbury Community School
6. St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church Tutorial
7. Volunteer Education Exchange, Inc.

D. EMPLOYMENT:

1. Bay State Banner (newspaper)
2. Boston Employment Agency: Roxbury
3. Urban League (on-the-job training)

E. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

1. Area Five Federal Credit Union

F. HEALTH:

1. Department of Public Health--Conservation of Eyesight Classes; Clinics: 82 Savin Street and 20 Whittier Street
2. Beth Israel Medical Care for Indigent Children



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3. Dominican Sisters of the Sick Poor
4. Eliot Square Nursing Home
5. Elm Hill Nursing Home
6. Jewish Memorial Hospital
7. New England Hospital
8. Roxbury Home for Aged Women
9. St. Luke's Home-Convalescents

G. SOCIAL SERVICES:

1. American Friends Service Committee
2. Calvary Holy Church of America
3. City Missionary Volunteer Visitor Program
4. Ecumenical Center
5. Family Services Association
6. Hawthorne House
7. Boston Public Welfare: Grove Hall and Roxbury Crossing
8. Blessed Sacrament Mission Center (education and recreation)
9. Dennison House
10. St. John's Community Information Center
11. St. Monica's Home
12. St. Francis De Sales Convent
13. Surplus Food Center



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H. RECREATION:

1. Cabot Street Gym and Bath House (Park Department)
2. Vine Street Gym (Park Department)

I. HOUSING:

1. Housing Innovations, Inc.
2. Roxbury-South End Development Corp. (ROXSE of lower Roxbury)



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VIII. EVALUATION OF TOTAL PROGRAM SYSTEM

(The following evaluation is compiled from state-  
ments by the Area Coordinator )

1. Effective Linkage Between Programs

"Totally inadequate. All programs currently operating in Roxbury-North Dorchester are sub-contracted directly to agencies. The following are the net results:

- a) Fragmented program system
- b) Lack of cooperation and coordination between programs
- c) Administrative and operational coordination of programs is minimized and in some instances almost non-existent
- d) Large gaps exist in total program delivery system. Parts of the community are underserved or not serviced at all; other segments of the community are provided with a maximum of services
- e) Efficient administration of the total system is minimal; total administration cost is excessive (SEE: Appendix 3)"

2. Emphasis of Total Program system on Particular Problems in the Area

"Erratic. In some program areas this is very good, and in others it is very poor; the major problem seems to be in the gaps in the total delivery system and in the administration and coordination of programs."





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IX. RECOMMENDATIONS

(The following recommendations are compiled)  
(from statements by the Area Coordinator)

"In view of the fact that the major problems seem to be administration, coordination, and delivery of program (s), the following recommendations are being suggested, as measures which if carefully implemented would rectify many, if not all, of the aforementioned problems.

1. "Central administration of all programs funded to operate in the 1967-68 Fiscal Year at the neighborhood level, preferably by the Roxbury-North Dorchester APAC. Central administration of programs would reduce excessive administrative costs (SEE: Attached Appendix 3). This would hopefully eliminate most of the duplicate administration that apparently stifles efficient delivery of services.

NOTE: This would exclude sub-contracted Head Start Programs.

2. "Central coordination of neighborhood and city-wide resources, organic to Head Start Programs and Child Development Centers. This responsibility, which would include implementation of effective linkage as well as coordination, could be handled by the Roxbury-North Dorchester APAC
3. "With the exception of Head Start Programs, no programs should be sub-contracted out on a program-by-program basis. The APAC's in other target areas in Boston have been able to administer programs at the neighborhood level: There is no reason why the Roxbury-North Dorchester APAC couldn't perform this function also.



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4. "When reviewing proposals for the Fiscal Year 1967-68 major consideration should be given to types of services already existing in specific neighborhoods: for example, programs funded by private corporations, UCS, etc. Sections of Roxbury-North Dorchester are provided with many diverse kinds of programs and services, while others receive minimal services, if any at all.

"The type of funding pattern that is used by the Community Action Agency has a very definite effect upon administration and delivery of services."



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<u>CENSUS TRACT</u>		<u>% OF TRACT INCLUDED IN TARGET AREA</u>
P2	-	2.4
P3	-	(A11)
P4	-	(A11)
P5	-	(A11)
P6	-	(A11)
Q1	-	(A11)
Q2	-	78.0
Q3	-	(A11)
Q4	-	(A11)
Q5	-	(A11)
R1	-	25.4
R2	-	94.2
R3	-	50.3
S2	-	11.3
S3	-	83.2
T6	-	(A11)
T7A	-	54.6
T7B	-	29.1
U1	-	(A11)
U2	-	(A11)
U3	-	(A11)
U4	-	(A11)
U5	-	(A11)
U6A	-	(A11)
U6B	-	(A11)
Vi	-	49.0



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DORCHESTER AREA PLANNING ACTION COUNCIL  
AND ITS SUB-AREA COMMITTEE MEMBERS

<u>RANKING</u>	<u>TYPE OF PROGRAM</u>
1	Community Organization Services and Outreach
2	Day Care
3	Tutorial Programs
4	Senior Citizen Programs
5	Community Facilities
6	Youth Workers - Teen Programs
7	Health Programs - facilities, service, and education
8	Adult Education
9	Recreation Programs and Facilities and Cultural En- richment Programs
10	Family Service
11	Economic Development: a) Consumer Education b) Consumer Action c) Consumer Cooperatives d) Credit Unions e) Buying Clubs
12	Home Guidance
13	Halfway House - for alcoholics, drug addicts, and ex-convicts
14	Counseling and Testing
15	Communications Network





APPENDIX 3

ANALYSIS OF ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS OF PROGRAMS FUNDED (ROXBURY-NORTH DORCHESTER)  
FISCAL YEAR 1966-1967 (For 10-Month Period)

<u>PROGRAM</u>	<u>FEDERAL</u>	<u>LOCAL</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>COST OF ADMINISTRATION</u>
RFNC-NAC and Day Care Center	\$114,397.	\$ 12,220.	\$126,617.	\$ 26,095.01
St. Mark NAC	110,852.	18,500.	129,352.	18,890.
BRA-Home Guidance	46,676.	5,186.	51,862.	15,505.
RCC-Roxbury Tutorial	65,765.	9,000.	74,765.	42,900.
NECDEC-Nursery School and Child Service	85,402.	8,935.	94,337.	19,450.
Blue Hill NAC	36,518.	6,283.	42,801.	16,785.
St. James Pre-Kindergarten	28,397.	2,822.	31,219.	5,652.
Beth Israel Medical Care for Indigent Children	1,426.		1,426.	(Funded by HEW)
Roxbury-North Dorchester APAC	35,398.	4,645.	40,043.	20,350.60
TOTALS	\$524,831.	\$ 67,591.	\$592,422.	\$165,627.61

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